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## CLUB BANQUET

63 Members Hear J. S. Rivers  
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Last Thursday evening the Community Club held its second social assembly which took the form of a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, the guest of honor being Dr. J. S. Rivers, warden of the Lethbridge jail, who spoke for two hours on "Prison Reform," with a naive, jocose frankness that held the attention of the sixty some persons who sat down to the banquet until the very last word was spoken.

The alment prepared and served by the hotel was excellent in every respect, from the delicious soup to the tasty pudding, which accounts for the peans of praise sung by those who have become enamoured of Jack Morton's culinary artistry. After the inner man was well provided for and the ladies had presented the men with permission to touch off the smoke screen, President Gordon arose and briefly explained that of those speakers it was expected would be present, Mr. G. R. Marnock, president of the Lethbridge Board of Trade, had been called to Ottawa on business, C. F. Jamieson, vice-president of the same organization, had been taken sick with a severe cold, and Captain, the Rev. Denoon, had a previous engagement that could not be broken. In the face of this disastrous last moment accounting, Mayor Butchart volunteered to impress the services of Dr. Rivers, who is a personal friend, to which impressing the doctor consented. Following a few remarks concerning the activities of the club during the last month, Mr. Gordon introduced Mr. Rivers, the assembled guests settled into the most comfortable positions and the doctor began his talk.

He is short of stature with a rotund, protuberance amidships, designed for a Santa Claus costume and he made no bones about producing a laugh at the cost of his exquisite shapeliness. Neither was he backward in extracting a laugh at the expense of the bankers and the preachers when, in describing the men who found themselves compelled to take lodgings in his institution, he said they were not the flotsam of civilization, but were of all classes, some of them (here he laid his hand on Mr. Gordon's shoulder), and even some preachers, (pointing to the Reverend Hayes). In the main he contended they were not bad men in the correct sense of that word, the only difference between them and the present company being that they had had been caught. Dr. Rivers asserted that action as jailer was not his only duty, but that he considered it part of his job to rehabilitate the men placed in his charge, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, if possible. He went back through history to the medieval prisons that were dungeons, to the time of John Howard, who opened England's eyes to the miserable conditions existing in her prisons 200 years ago when food was thrown in to prisoners in much the same way it is thrown to Canadian swine, to the administration of the Hon. Hanna, as warden of the Central Prison, Toronto, who moved that prison into the country and set his prisoners at farm work.

Dr. Rivers is an ardent fresh air enthusiast and he elaborately described the 1,100 acre institution four miles outside the environs of Lethbridge despite his assertion that if he painted it in the glowing language he would like to use he feared some of the farmers in this drought-stricken area might purposely have themselves committed on some minor offence in order to partake of his hospitality. According to the doctor the institution which accommodates delinquents sentenced to various terms ranging up to two years, is practically self sufficient having its own electric light plant, bakery, laundry, and raising its own garden truck and meat. In describing the cells of the inmates he compared them favorably with any room for which one pays a monthly rental of twenty-five or thirty dollars, the only drawback to a popular demand for these rooms being the fact that once engaged by an individual he cannot at some fancied slight of the management pack up and hunt another

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## VULCAN NEWS ITEMS

A local of the U. F. A. has been organized at Rolston.

Player Piano Attachment and about 30 rolls of music for sale. Price \$110.00. Fits any piano. Satisfaction guaranteed. C. B. Shimp.

Following the lead of Calgary and other towns the local barbers will raise their prices on March the first. From then on it will cost 75c to have one's locks trimmed and a neck shave with a chin shave will cost ten cents extra. All other ministrations such as a shampoo, massage and nail manicure will advance in proportion. Next thing you know we'll have to raise the price of The Advocate.

The Box Social and Dance held at Berrywater, February 13th, proved to be a big success. Despite the bad roads and cold weather, a good crowd gathered and after a well prepared program, the boxes which were put up and sold at auction brought in the neat sum of \$39.25.

Dr. Mecklenburg, the well-known eyesight specialist of Edmonton, will be at the Imperial Hotel, Vulcan, on Friday, March 5th. See him if your eyes or glasses trouble you.

It is rumored that a certain astute single gentlemen who's initials are overburdened with C's is doing some serious thinking. Now we wonder what a single gentleman would choose as a subject for serious thought. Suggestions are solicited.

From one of our informative sources we learn that it is alleged by those concerned that Torgerson won the bonspiel with a picked rink. Evidently Mr. Torgerson is of the belief that the end justifies the means.

Mrs. W. E. Jennejohn left on Tuesday evening for Great Falls, Montana, accompanied by her brother, Mr. W. G. Peterson. They will return in about a week with their mother, Mrs. Peterson, who has been away for about three years.

Twenty-three people gathered at the Rutton House last Sunday evening after Church services and entertained each other through the medium of music. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Well and Mr. James McCutcheon with piano, guitar and violin carried their appreciative audience back to the days when the quadrille, the jersey and the square dance had not resolved themselves into the serious expirings of the fox trot and grapevine cling. Miss Irene Malloy, teacher at Highlands school, demonstrated her unusual talent as a pianist and was obliged to play piece after piece at the urgent request of her captivated hearers. Miss Violet Caruthers, after considerable coaxing, favored those present with some very good music. Everyone had a good time and went home happy.

On Sunday next, February 29, Bishop Pinkham, of Calgary will conduct the Church of England services in Vulcan, which will be held in the I.O. O. F. hall at 11 a.m. (communion service), and 7.30 p.m. (evening prayer).

## MORE RAINMAKER NEWS

Following is an extract from a report of the recent Municipalities Convention: - In regard to the rainmaker, Mr. Hatfield, President A. H. Donahoe, of municipal districts, had been in correspondence with Mr. Hatfield since last July. Mr. Hatfield has been successful in nearly every case in producing rain.

In his letters to President Donahoe he had said that there would be no charge till rain was produced and that it would not be successful until at least five inches above normal for the province had fallen. President Donahoe thought that was far enough and asked for his contract and guarantee to present to the convention for their approval. The contract was received some time in December 1919 and he noticed two very serious objections to what he had promised by letter. First he asked for a certain percentage down before completing his work. Secondly, a clause guaranteeing five to fifteen inches of rainfall, while we all know the normal rainfall in southern Alberta is fifteen to eighteen inches; and the guarantee should have read eighteen to twenty-three inches. President Donahoe had written to Mr. Hatfield explaining the objection to the contract, asking him to change it, but to date if convention, had received no word from Mr. Hatfield. The president promised

Mrs. W. A. Howes, who has been ill is slowly improving.

Mrs. Floyd Atkinson is in the Vulcan General Hospital very ill. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Johnston was a Calgary visitor from Saturday until Thursday of last week.

C. E. Henry, of Portland, arrived in Vulcan on Saturday. Mrs. Henry and Bernice are coming in a few weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Oliver, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lindsay, for the past three weeks returned to Calgary last Wednesday.

Mr. J. J. Dell Smith recently bought a nice collection of Wyandotte chickens and intends to exhibit them at the poultry show next season.

Charlie Spanke, who went to Great Falls, Mont., on important business, has returned and reports things very quiet across the line at present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kennedy, of Portage la Prairie, Man., arrived in the village last Friday and are visiting Mr. Kennedy's sister, Mrs. J. W. Johnston.

Auction sale. Shimp & Reibe will hold a large auction sale back of the Vulcan Livery stable on the 6th of March. Entries of any and all descriptions solicited.

Mr. Lincoln Shancey and wife recently returned from Portland, Ore., where they have been spending their honeymoon. On their arrival they found a nice chivaree party awaiting them and a most successful event was staged. Following the serving of an excellent supper a very pleasant evening was spent. Lincoln and wife proved themselves great entertainers and all their friends wish them a long and happy life.

Champions had the audacity to challenge Vulcan for the McNaughton Cup and Messrs. Spooner and Torgerson have the satisfaction of sending the two aspiring rinks home empty. It has been decided by the local curlers to allow any curlers on this line, that is, between Aldersyde and Lethbridge, to compete for the possession of the McNaughton trophy. There should be some pretty lively contests staged in this connection next season.

A number of subscribers have paid their subscriptions. Have you?

If we had a partner, who, when we were defeated in a curling game, went up one side of Main Street and down the other dropping in at each place of business as he went, suggesting that the proprietor of each of those places of business call up his defeat if partner and offer, sarcastic commiseration. We would not only bust up the partnership but would also change that partner's face into a realistic resemblance of section of "No Man's Land."

to get in touch with the different municipalities should Mr. Hatfield come through.

## DEATH OF PETER PETERSON

On Sunday, February 22, Peter Peterson, a respected resident of the Vulcan district passed to his rest after a prolonged period of sickness. The deceased came from Dakota some fifteen years ago and took up a home stand near what is now the town of Vulcan. Mr. Peterson was well known among the old timers, having resided in the district continuously since coming to Alberta, and he leaves many friends. In 1913 he married Hapna Swanon, of Minneapolis, who survives him. The funeral services were held in the Union church at Vulcan on Tuesday, February 24, the Rev. A. E. Hayes officiating. Mrs. Peterson accompanied the remains to Moline, Ill., where they will be buried in the family lot. The district extends its sympathy to Mrs. Peterson in her recent bereavement.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Peter Peterson wishes to thank her many friends and especially Mr. and Mrs. Graham for their many kindnesses during her recent bereavement.

Drop in and list your land if you wish to sell.—Hagerman & Company.

## THE WEEK'S EVENTS

Being a Concise Review of a Number of Interesting Local Incidents.

### RESULTS OF BONSPIEL

W. O. Torgerson came out the winner in the mixed bonspiel staged by the local club, working out through the losers and defeating Grant who was the champion of the winners. In the consolation contest staged as a sort of side bet to the main contest D. C. Jones won the ribbon. Following is a synopsis of the play from the fourths up:

Grant won over Trail and Denbigh defeated Allan making Grant and Denbigh the runners up among the winners. Grant walloped Denbigh placing him at the head of his section. Among the losers Dewie faced and tumbled to Torgerson while Spooner put the kids under Reeves. This pitted Spooner against Torgerson and the latter floored him and repeated the process with Grant.

In the consolation contest, Jones, Hall, Ralston and Anderson were competing fourths. Jones defeated Hall, while Anderson whipped Ralston, and in the final game Anderson stubbed his toe or something, for Jones copied the consolation. And thus ended the knockout with the exception of the distribution of the ribbon.

### VETERANS MEET

A meeting of the local war veterans called for last Thursday evening was poorly attended owing to the inclement weather and little was done with the exception of electing G. A. Middleton chairman, pro tem. Middleton will take up the matter of forming a branch of the G.W.V.A. with the proper Calgary officials and it is hoped to soon announce a meeting of the veterans for this purpose. Watch for the notice in these pages if you are a veteran and make it your business to be present at such meeting.

### GROSSMITH ENTERTAINMENT

The musical entertainment staged by Leslie Grossmith at the Community Theatre on Monday evening proved a unique diversion that was appreciated by all present from the children to those of mature years. Mr. Grossmith's versatile characterizations were very good and his masterful ability as a pianist bows to few superiors. Mr. John Bowman, who assisted Mr. Grossmith, is simply a wizard of the violin and the cooer us applause following each of his few selections (which were far too few to suit the audience) evinced that the people of Vulcan recognize good music when they hear it and their appetite is practically insatiable. The entertainment ended about ten-thirty and was immediately followed by a dance, the music being furnished by the two artists. The evening was enjoyed to the full by everyone and we hope to again hear Mr. Grossmith in the near future.

### M. D. OF ROYAL MEETING

At the nomination meeting of the M. D. of Royal, held in the I.O.O.F. hall last Friday afternoon, the following were nominated to run in the councillor election:

Division No. 1—Joseph Johnston and George Ecker;

Division No. 2—Mark Hill and Henry Adams.

Division No. 6—Jacob Eamora and Robert Fair.

There will be no election in the remaining divisions but a vote will be cast in all divisions on a by-law, object of which is the election of councillors at large instead of by divisions.

### NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

After next Wednesday all untagged dogs will be impounded and destroyed. By order of the Town Council.

### NOTICE

Watch for C. M. Hatfield's reply to our enquiries in next week's edition. It is interesting reading matter.



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The town of Rumsey is to have a newspaper. It will make its first appearance and will be known as The Rumsey Record.

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## PROTECT LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY

At present we are facing two of our greatest industries coming into closer relationship with each other than ever before. These are the live stock industry and the meat packing concerns. There is now a better understanding between the two, for they realize their mutual interdependence on each other. Between these two industries comes a most important factor which operates in the best interests of both; this is the live stock yards. These yards are now maintained at live stock shipping centres and leading market cities in Canada and since August 1917 they have been under the control of the Dominion Department of agriculture through the live stock branch. At that time the regulations prescribed under the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act were passed and since then the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of stock yards are subject to the approval of the federal minister of agriculture.

Closely identified with live stock yards are the live stock exchanges operating on all markets and setting the rules for the conduct of business among the commission agents and dealers. The objects of the exchange are to establish and maintain a commercial exchange for the benefit and furtherance of all interests directly connected with the buying and selling of live stock, to establish uniformity in the trade, and to provide speedy adjustment of business disputes. A series of articles on live stock yards and exchanges appears in the January number of The Agricultural Gazette. These articles present the facts regarding the operation of stock yards. It is pointed out that the stock yard is a semi-public institution operated as a public market and its business is the warehousing of live stock. Its one great advantage is that it provides a medium where the men with live stock to sell find buyers and buyers find live stock.

## ON THRESHOLD OF GREAT ERA

An American of German ancestry, who occupies a position of much business prominence across the border, and has just returned from a lengthy trip to Europe for the purpose of making a minute investigation of economic conditions there, has written to a friend in Ottawa giving some of his findings. On the continent he found things in a terrible mess. It would take many years, he was convinced, for things to come back there in a big way. But in Britain the contrast could not have been more marked. It is his notion that that country is "on the threshold of the greatest era in her national history." He would not hesitate to invest half his fortune there today, and he sees no reason why Canada and all British countries should not enjoy tremendous prosperity along with the Motherland. —Edmonton Journal.

## NEW IDEA

Trustee Ernest S. Armstrong, of the Board of Education, Brantford, Ontario, has given notice of motion that pupils passing entrance examination and who are members of families of four children or more, and whose parents or guardians are not earning more than forty-five cents per hour on an eight-hour day, be taken care of by this Municipal Board of Edmonton to the extent of actual cost of food, clothing and books, the same to be determined by this Board of Education. The pupil is to take a full course in the Collegiate Institute.

## A PECULIAR SITUATION

The Farmers' Sun, the official organ of the United Farmers of Ontario, is advocating the abolition of the salary of the leader of the opposition. The Sun assumes that the salary would, unless legislative action is taken, be collected by the Liberal leader, Mr. Dewar. He has one or two more followers than the Conservative leader, which apparently establishes his claim to the title and the money that goes with it. It is an extraordinary state of affairs which exists in the old province. At the recent election

the Conservatives polled 387,000 votes, the Liberals 357,000, and the U.F.O. controls the government, and the party that received the strongest popular support ranks third in the legislature. This does not look like privileged Toryism. —Edmonton Journal.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Exception has been taken to a history text book recommended for use in our schools, the objection being that the part taken by Canada and Canadians in the war is not even mentioned. What greater objection could be made?

The proposed St. Lawrence project is opposed by Albany's state engineer, his principal objection being that the control of the canal could not be in the United States and that the canal, if built, would be much more beneficial to Canada than the U.S.

Paul Deschanel, the new president of France, in his effort to make plain the duty of a citizen to his country, has stated that the citizen who shirks the payment of his share of taxation commits an act analogous to that of a soldier who deserts his trench or flees the battlefield, and he is right.

It is stated that it is proposed to so change the law that three-fifths of the votes cast will be required to carry in the referendum on the question of the prohibition of the import of liquor to the province. No doubt a three-fifths vote would be better than a mere majority, but whether this is the proper thing or not is another question.

It is estimated that the loss of man power to the farms as the result of former service men settling elsewhere will not exceed 500,000. Even this number will require some considerable adjustment, and it is but one of the many problems created by the war.

James Ramsey, eminently successful as a merchant, and with considerable experience in politics, has been chosen as opposition leader in the Alberta legislature. His first speech in the House was evidence of a selection well made. A good leader on the opposition is an asset to the province, and an aid to the government.

Canada is the foremost of the family of the British Empire, and, being nearest, the great responsibility rests upon her, not alone to aid and succor in battle, but to lead the van in all forms of industrial life; to seize every opportunity to forward the grandeur and stability both of herself and of the Empire.

The Union government, which has been the subject of severe attack, even since before its very existence, and which has proceeded to business without taking time to answer its critics, has at last been given vigorous defence by Hon. Arthur Meighen, and Hon. N. W. Rowell, too, has been saying some things that must command attention.

The high rate of exchange has developed the fact that it is good business to buy made-in-Canada goods. And if this be so, would it not be good business for High River people to buy all they can in High River. It would be just as good business for our business people to so conduct their marketing and merchandizing and regulate prices that there would be no advantage in dealing elsewhere.

Sir Ian Hamilton's statement that Van Sanders, the German general in charge of the Dardanelles observed all the rules of war and should not be included in the extradition list is difficult to understand in view of the stories related by thousands who were here and who experienced a hell such as makes one's blood curdle. No, by all means Van Sanders must be made to pay the penalty of his inhuman acts.

It has been decided that hereafter maternity cases in the Calgary Hospital are to receive treatment free of charge. Here is an idea that could be generally adopted, and made part of the plan of the hospital scheme which is being worked out in the several districts of the province. Parents might well be relieved of all expense in connection with an event which gives to the state its greatest asset. And there are those who would also add a bonus.

The Health Department of the Alberta government, in the campaign to combat social diseases, are using the motion picture. The movies sometimes come in for very severe criticisms, but their usefulness and effectiveness are frequently recognized by governments, and in this case may it be that the greatest results are realized. The health of the people is being recognized as the business of governments, but the people owe their every assistance to the undertaking.

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## THE RUSSIAN THISTLE MENACE

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To say that this menace is not so serious as it is about to be pictured would be a serious mistake indeed, and nothing short of a calamity, for it is all too true that the advance guard has already reached our communities and is passing on in search of new fields in which to carry on his treacherous mission. Therefore, as the foregoing proves to be an undeniable reality, we farmers cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the main army is most assuredly advancing to the attack and undoubtedly practicing the tactics of the late German army in the matter of "mass formation." It might be pointed out at this juncture that it is perhaps questionable whether many of our farmers resident in this part of the province are at all or in any way familiar with the terribly destructive nature of the Russian thistle. To those who are skeptical as to the cause for alarm, the writer would suggest that such persons take a short journey east from the town of Vulcan, travelling no farther than say ten or twelve miles. Using their eyes, anyone at all observant must be impressed with the evidence presented and admit the necessity for some resolute and determined action being taken to circumvent the menace of this weed onslaught. And here it must be emphasized that the farmers in the aforementioned vicinity cannot be held responsible for the deplorable weedy condition of their lands, but it would be a difficult and tedious matter to trace the origination of this menace. However, it does not require a deductive mind to recognize the fact that these weeds are coming from a south and south-westerly direction and it may not be so difficult to designate who is directly or indirectly responsible in allowing this pest to assume such alarming proportions. Unquestionably a good portion of the responsibility could be traced to the very doors of these men who would doubtless wish to be recognized as "bonanza" farmers. In practically every locality there are men who are attempting to farm a larger acreage than they are capable of handling with any degree of efficiency and to the utter disregard of neighbors who are carefully planning and carrying

on their farming operations year by year with thought of the future and a permanent home in mind, and who are doing their level best to keep their farms free of the noxious weeds which the greedy, grasping "big farmer" next door is allowing to flourish on his land, seed of which is carried by the four winds of heaven and deposited invariably on the land of the conscientious farmer who has no other recourse than to take it all in good part.

And is it not a fact that many of these men who are attempting to operate these large farms are "soil miners" in the truest sense of that term. They are simply skimming the very cream of fertility from the land, without any degree of efficiency and to the utter disregard of his neighbor who is carefully planning and carrying on his farming operations year by year with a certain degree of permanency, and who is perhaps doing his level best in trying to keep his farm free from the noxious weeds this greedy, grasping "big farmer" next door neighbor is allowing to flourish on his land to be carried to the four winds of heaven.

And, is it not a fact that many of these men who are attempting to operate these large farms are in the truest sense of the word nothing but "soil miners" after all, as they are simply skimming the very cream of fertility out of the land. The time is not far distant when we will see some of these men making preparations to dispose of certain parcels of their holdings by putting on a surface polish which will be only a thin veneer of beauty, barely skin deep, and after all, then to be unloaded on to some unsuspecting new comer, who will, by the way, eventually have the fact thoroughly instilled in his mind that he has been "stung" by accepting what was in reality a piece of land badly depleted of fertility and sorely polluted with every known variety of noxious weed.

Right here might be related a short but true story that would in no small degree clearly illustrate the circumstances that we farmers are about to be confronted with. In company with a certain gentleman, the writer of this article had occasion during the latter part of last summer to journey into a district well to the south of here at a time when the drought which so seriously affected that country was at its worst, and naturally enough at a time when this terrible pest was showing up in such a manner as to appear in many instances to be fully master of the situation, but to continue the story, in conversation with a certain gentleman in that particular district, who by the way, was an occupant of a section of rented land, said land belonging to one of the aforementioned "bonanza" farmers, but owing to two successive years of drought, he was driven to the necessity of disposing of some of his holdings. On personally bringing out to this

place a prospective buyer, and on going over the land, he (the buyer) expressed his satisfaction with the land and also the price, which was \$75 per acre, this decision apparently putting the owner of the land in a gleeful state of mind and to such an extent that he apparently became quite oblivious of the fact as to where he was leading his guest, when all at once the buyer brought his host to a sudden stop with the remark: "Hello, what's this?" (What attracted his attention was a splendid stand of Russian thistles.) I imagine you can hear the owner would not recognize this pest, but alas! Such was not the case, and to bring this story to an end, the bargain that was just on the verge of being closed was cancelled right on the spot to the utter disappointment of the land owner and buyer as well.

The foregoing story is simply told to clearly exemplify to you, brother farmer, the consequences you are facing unless some drastic measures are taken in preparation to meet the oncoming foe.

Now the question that arises is: "What are we going to do?" The writer of this article did not start out to bring to the attention of the farmers of this district the fact that we are about to be overridden by a merciless enemy without being fully prepared with some suggestions that would perhaps pave the way for further discussion on this very important matter.

The first of these would be to discourage as far as it is humanly possible the holding of large areas of land by one man for farming purposes, because as it is in the opinion of the writer that herein lies the greatest trouble, namely: the inability of one man to keep these large farms free from noxious weeds, and especially is this the case when these large farms are composed of parcels of land situated miles apart. And furthermore, to substantiate the foregoing by the introduction of some form of legislation that would make it prohibitory for any man to hold, to operate, or to farm more than one section of arable, tillable, agricultural land.

Another suggestion would be to encourage the formation of organized districts for the purpose of carrying on a series of competitions along the lines of summerfallow tillage. Prizes to be offered and awarded for the best tilled fields, these to be judged according to set rules and standards. These competitions in themselves would be a most deciding factor in the successful eradication of the most damaging weed pests.

Still another suggestion would be to construct what might be generally known afterwards as "municipal barriers," to the onward progress, of the most destructive weeds, and especially those that choose this time of the year to carry on their treacherous devilry. These barriers to take the form of a system of five-foot woven wire fences, to be constructed in the first instance across the line of advance. These to be built both east and west as well as north and south, along the township lines to be added later by intervening fences every two miles.

And by way of further suggestion, the first of these barriers to be started well to the west of the town of Vulcan, along the north side of the road allowance, between townships 16 and 17 (there placed to facilitate and

make easy the gathering and burning of the weeds on the spot), and carried due east as far as Lake McGregor. But in no way, shape nor form can the lake in itself be considered an effective barrier to the onward progress of this nuisance. Imagine if you can the misery and havoc to the farmers beyond the reaches of that lake, when Mr. and Mrs. Russian Thistle and all their disreputable, but yet industrious family attain the unrestricted freedom of that wide expanse of splendid ice, and to see them bounding along on their merry way under the propelling force of the "gentle" breezes, we so frequently get, bent on establishing themselves in new fields of endeavor, where others of their kind had never ventured before. This is a condition that could perhaps be more vividly told by someone resident in the vicinity of that lake and one who has doubtless witnessed this very thing happen day after day. Consequently some form of preventative measures would necessarily have to be taken to prevent them from ever gaining free access to that lake at all times.

Now, the question that confronts us here is how is all this to be paid for? As to the matter of paying for these barriers: Is it not an outstanding fact that we are being heavily taxed at the present time? Some of these same taxes going out of the districts wherein they are paid, principally among these, the automobile license tax. We are told, or given to understand at least, that this money is spent on public utilities. This being the case, why could we not ask our provincial government for aid in the construction of the aforementioned barriers, even to the extent of bearing 50 per cent of the total cost of material required, these fences being in the truest sense of the word nothing less than a public utility. And furthermore, the municipality wherein these fences are built might be expected to bear the other 50 per cent of the cost of material.

The farmers along whose properties these fences are to be built, due to the enhanced valuation added to their farms as well as the protection afforded, might be expected to remove the present fence, haul all the material required to build the new fence, also supplying one strand of barbed wire from the present fence, this to be placed along the top of the completed woven wire fence for the purpose of protecting same from damage due to horses rubbing on the top, and also as an added protection from the thoughtless hunter when he spies a beautiful mallard, or wary chicken over in Mr. Farmer's field. Now, in regard to this latter plan it is only natural to expect considerable hue and cry raised in objection thereto on the grounds that the expense would be too great, and the venture in itself not at all feasible. In the firm opinion of the writer this would be an experiment that would eventually prove to be well worth the expenditure incurred. Some of this opposition would doubtless be taken on the grounds that we require all the money we can get for further improvements on our public highways, that wheat may be made less expensive and etc. Be that as it may, no one is more deeply interested in the betterment of our public highways than the writer himself.

But right here the reader might be asked to look forth afield and into the future. If we do not put forth a little extra effort, and that soon, we will stand a good chance of having our farms sorely polluted with this

new pest that is as assuredly advancing our way.

In a few years hence many of those who would perhaps oppose some, if not all of the foregoing suggestions, will be fortunate indeed if they are able to produce the necessary with which to make their merry way towards the elevators with bulging tank loads of No. 1 hard.

And do not overlook the fact, Mr. Farmer, that it is only a few years ago since you were permitted to take up or acquire this land which was then as pure and clean and as full of fertility as nature could make it. Are you going to put forth your best endeavors in trying to leave your farm to the one who follows in your footsteps in as fine a state of fertility as you found it? And do not for an instant overlook the outstanding fact that the boy of today is the farmer of tomorrow! Are we supposedly intelligent farmers going to, by our neglect, and thoughtlessness, burden the future generations by allowing this, the finest, richest and most fertile soil in the finest province of the Dominion of Canada become the very breeding ground for all the noxious weeds known to science?

This is a question that should merit the assistance and approval of all concerned, not even omitting our worthy town-people as well. For who is there that would dare to deny that upon the prosperity of the surrounding communities, depends even, the very existence of our towns and villages. Therefore if some measures are not instituted in the very near future, the productivity of our farms will be reduced to such a low level as to make the returns scarcely worth the efforts of time and labor expended, consequently all will suffer.

And is it not true that the man who hopes to make a success of farming in this new country, with its ever changing climatic conditions, is the one who is going to concentrate the whole of his time and energies on one farm, the acreage of which he is fully capable of attending to with the greatest degree of efficiency.

The all too prevalent practice of men, other than actual farmers, in dabbling in the uncertain game of wheat growing as a sort of "Get-rich-quick" scheme is bound to, sooner or later, be a natural death. That day cannot be hastened any too quickly, especially so for the real farmers who are building up with every sense of permanency, and who at the same time are bearing the brunt of all manner of weeds crossing the boundary lines of their farms in a perfect deluge from the fields of absent neighbors. It is true we have our "so-called" weed inspectors, but they, like some farmers we know of, appear to be hibernating too. While at the same time there is ample room and justification for prosecutions in nearly every neighborhood.

All of the foregoing is respectfully submitted for your consideration, and at the same time is thrown wide open to further discussion, criticism, ridicule, and abuse. Same is written by one of yourselves and one who is vitally interested in the future welfare of the farmers.

Thanking you in advance, Mr. Editor for the allotment of space in your valuable publication for this communication.

H. A. BADEN.

Hearnleigh.

## HOPE IT MAY CONTINUE

Abrogation of the treaty with Great Britain establishing the Canadian boundary commission was proposed in a resolution recently by Representative Smith, Republican, Illinois. The resolution declares there are not now sufficient disputes between the two countries to justify continuation of the treaty.

A steady increase in the volume of employment in Canada is shown in reports of 4,629 farms during the month of January. This is a good sign.

Over \$8,000,000 was subscribed by the people of Canada in Forward Movement drive up till last Saturday. The amounts were as follows: Baptists \$663,601, Methodists \$3,212,571, Presbyterians \$2,226,862, Anglicans \$1,229,049.

Secretary of the Interior Lane defends Mr. Lansing in all his actions since President Wilson became sick. Mr. Lansing's dismissal from office by President Wilson has raised a storm of protest among Americans.

Saskatchewan farmers are asked to endorse the idea of national wheat marketing as a permanent government policy. Under special conditions created by the war it has worked well.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bloor St. East, Toronto, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night last. The fire was discovered at 7 p.m. and by 8 o'clock the flames had gutted the handsome structure, and the roof fell with a crash. The loss will probably reach \$100,000. A banquet of forty leaders of the Church Forward Movement was in progress at the time.

The livestock men's most important proposals were that the railways shall be made responsible for the care of cattle en route and that in respect of cattle which are killed while in the care of the railways, compensation shall be on the basis of the value of the animals at the time when they are loaded on cars at initial shipping points.



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The new Dominion Atlantic Railway Passenger Station at Bridgetown.

Not only is the Canadian Pacific Railway making advances in accordance with the necessities of the times, and providing every modern improvement for the convenience and comfort of the public, but all its subsidiary lines are similarly progressive. The Dominion Atlantic Railway, which serves a large portion of Nova Scotia and runs through the beautiful Land of Evangeline, now owns and operates The Pines Hotel at Digby, providing first class accommodation for the large numbers of tourists who visit the district. A new night service between Halifax and Yarmouth has recently been inaugurated. This night service leaves Yarmouth on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and Halifax on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, and marks one of the most important developments since the through line of railway from Yarmouth to Halifax was opened up for traffic in 1891. These trains carrying on a combined freight and pas-

senger service, but only carloads of through merchandise are carried.

When on a trip of inspection over the Dominion Atlantic Railway, at the end of November last, Mr. Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., expressed the desire to have the D. A. R. equipped in the near future with steel rails much heavier than those at present laid. He said that this work would probably be undertaken when the effects of war conditions had disappeared. Important improvements are being carried out along the line and arrangements are progressing for the erection of a new station at Digby which will provide the most up-to-date facilities for tourists and other traffic and add considerably to the beauty of the town. It is estimated that during 1919, 60,000 tourists visited Nova Scotia and spent there about \$3,000,000. Recently a new station was opened at Bridgetown, much to the satisfaction of the public of that town. It is a handsome building

24 ft. x 56 ft. with 20 ft. overhanging on each end and has in front a tavia walk 390 feet long and 12 feet wide.

The building is very conveniently designed. It has a cement basement. The outside finish is stucco in truss-lath, centred with plain pebbled dash, with smooth finish above and below. The roof is asbestos. The inside consists of gentlemen's room, 20 ft. x 24 ft., office 14 ft. x 14 ft., ladies' waiting room, 12 ft. x 24 ft., and baggage room 24 ft. x 10 ft. The inside finish is of Douglas fir and birch, finished in the natural wood. The ceilings and side walls are sand finish tinted in cream. There are also up-to-date conveniences and the heating plant consists of a Cumberland hot air furnace manufactured and installed by Mr. G. E. Banks, of Bridgetown, who also executed the plumbing. The inside and outside decorating was in charge of Mr. Harry Sanborn. The whole work, including the building of a freight shed 30 ft. x 48 ft., on the

opposite side of the track, was built by contract by J. H. Hicks & Sons, under the personal supervision of Mr. E. A. Hicks, of that firm, who has already built seven Dominion Atlantic Railway stations.

The Dominion Atlantic Ry. has also added to its system the hotel at Kentville now known as the "Aberdeen." Kentville is an important and growing centre and the fact that it is now to have modern hotel accommodation will add tremendously to its benefit.

The "Aberdeen" is splendidly situated, and will be made very attractive. It will be renovated and refurnished from cellar to roof. Many of the rooms will be equipped with private baths. The work of renovation will begin at once, but will be so conducted that guests will not be disturbed. The Aberdeen will continue to be operated the year around, and cater to the general and commercial interests as well as to the tourist traffic.



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### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The province of Alberta had a very good surplus for the year 1919 which speaks well for our present provincial government.

Now if the legislators of Alberta get down to real business they should finish the session in a fortnight. This is no josh.

The sheep market in Calgary was firm, good wethers going at \$13 to \$14, good ewes \$11 to \$12 and lambs \$15 to \$16.

One doctor in Manitoba did a whale of a business when he wrote as high as 74 prescriptions a day which he retained at \$2 per.

The province of Alberta is entitled to four more members in the next Dominion parliament. This will make our representatives sixteen.

The Canadian senate has more than 100 divorces from Ontario this year which will keep the senators busy for some time.

The middle classes in New York State are forming a union which they claim will mean fair play for all classes, and their object will be to make class tyranny impossible. The labor unions and capitalists have been handling them pretty rough the past few years and they are now determined to fight for their rights.

Harry Dietz, Sr., one of our timers, has really gone and got married to a young lady from High River. They are away to California for a wedding trip, and we may have them for neighbors next summer as Mr. Dietz has purchased the half section of land from Fred Hawkins, formerly known as the Geo. Greaves place, opposite the elevator. You old bachelors take notice.—Strathmore Standard.

Great Britain purchased 2,000,000 pounds of German dyes in Germany recently.

The Alberta legislature is now in session and Speaker Pingle has been installed. The opening was featured as usual with a great deal of useless ceremony.

The Edmonton Aircraft Company purpose carrying passengers, mail and express from Edmonton to Peace River and the Great North Land, and also to Calgary during the summer of 1920.

The auction sale of Mr. Heide's farm stock and implements by Alex. Thompson was a great success. 80 yearling steers averaged \$22.75 each. Who was it said prices were going down for steers?

N. W. Rowell in his positive declaration to the United States that as far as Canada was concerned, it did not propose to abandon any of its national rights for any reason whatever, was said in the proper spirit.

Paraguay, Chile, Argentina and Persia have been admitted into the League of Nations and in face of that one or two dampool senators in the United States have the effrontery to prevent Canada having a voice.

Quebec legislators have increased their indemnity from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year. Instead of increasing the indemnity they should reduce the sessional days to about two weeks and thus give the people a run for their money.

During the time the U.S. railways were under government control, over 100,000 men were needlessly engaged on the railway and when the change is made to go back to private ownership, there will be 100,000 wasters out of a job.

Gasoline took a jump of four cents per gallon during the last two weeks. The price is now 55 cents a gallon.

According to the estimate of the Medical Health Officer of Nova Scotia, the annual loss from unnecessary deaths in Canada is \$150,000,000.

It is well to recall in these trying days of financial stress the words of Edmund Burke: "that credit and order are the prime requests of stable society, and that if they are destroyed, civilization will rock to its fall."

The United States realized \$700,000,000 by the sale of war material to England, France, Belgium, Italy and Germany. Trucks were sold to a German syndicate for \$15,000,000, and a British concern bought \$1,000,000 worth of automobiles.

Cigars made from tobacco grown in southern Alberta were recently distributed at a dinner of the Rotary Club at Lethbridge. It was grown on the experimental farm near that city.

Hon. Winston Churchill has reiterated his assertion that the Labor party is unfit to govern the British nation.

Dixon and Woodsworth, who were charged with seditious libel in Winnipeg, were acquitted by a jury and they were given their freedom. We hope they have been taught a lesson.

Seed wheat for the drought-affected districts will be supplied to farmers at a cost of \$2.42 a bushel, Fort William basis. The price of seed oats will be \$1.10 for No. 1 and \$1.06 for No. 2.

The amount of lumber cut in B.C. last year was about 1,700,000,000 feet. In the year 1919 there were over 4000 rooms in the public and high schools of Alberta, and 3652 teachers taught in them.

Canada is equal in size to the United States and Mexico.

Herchmer, of Fernie, who had a rink at the Winnipeg bonspiel, won first in the Walker Theatre competition.

U. S. railwaymen have decided not to go on strike as threatened last week. This looks reasonable on their part.

Speaker Gillette, of the House of Representatives, says the U.S. is facing the worst financial crisis in its history.

W. V. Oatin, a prominent Calgary musician, aged 32 years, died in Calgary on Sunday very suddenly of pneumonia.

The total enrollment of schools in Calgary during the month of January was 10,054. It is proposed to spend \$168,000 in building program this year.

A Detroit judge decided that when a wife kisses her pet dog in her husband's presence and allows it to sleep in bed with them, he is entitled to a divorce.

George Hoadley, M.P.P., of Okotoks, returned recently from Toronto where he attended as a delegate from Alberta to the Canada Live Stock Union Convention.

Now is a good time of year for the farmers to lay in a stock of ice; it comes in pretty handy in dogs days and ice cream season. Lots of ice on the dam at Horse Shoe Bend. Get busy.

Several business houses in Vanguard, Saskatchewan, were destroyed by fire last week. The fire engine failed to work and a bucket brigade had to be formed to subdue the flames.

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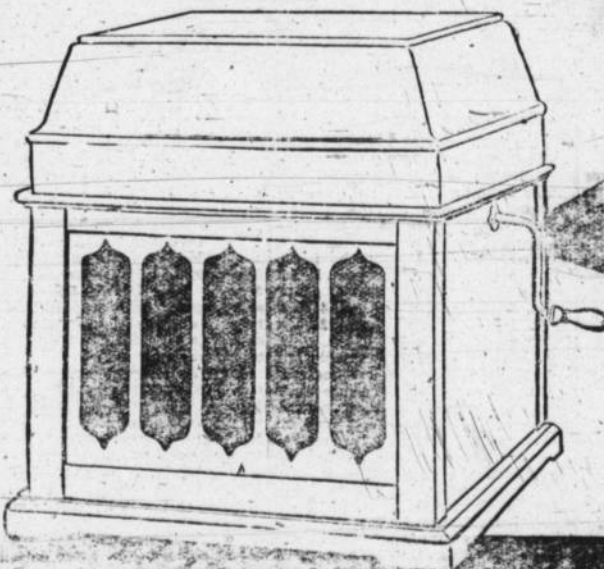
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## PERFORMING GREAT WORK

The Minister of Health, Hon. A. G. McKay, delivered an address in Calgary recently on provincial health problems and prefaced his remarks with a quotation from Ruskin: "Every child has the right to be well born." He showed what the provincial government was doing and what it still further intended doing in reducing the death rate in maternity cases. Health inspection of school children by public health nurses will be made obligatory soon. What was needed was co-ordination, but it was not intended that they should cut out the individual responsibility but it was absolutely essential that every child should be examined once or twice a year, if not at home, then by public agencies. "Not all the fault was to be found with foreign parents, fifty per cent of British-born citizens did not appreciate the benefit of the application of pure water and fresh air day and night. The Minister said furthermore, the government had no right to send young married couples to the unsettled districts unless the government could take care of maternity cases. In referring to diseases he stated that tuberculosis was a menace to the province. There were at the present time between 3000 and 4000 people who should be under treatment. He gave it as his opinion that it would be absolutely proper that a "clean bill of health" should be issued in all cases of marriage.

In referring to vital statistics the minister stated that in 1918, which were the latest available, there had been 14,908 births in Alberta. Excluding deaths caused by the "flu" epidemic, there had been 4,565 deaths, and of these 1,397 were of children under one year of age, or in other words, 30 per cent. In this province in 1918 one woman in every 138 died at childbirth, which was more than double the proportion of deaths for the same year in England. There the proportion of deaths was one in 297; in Ireland, one in 191; in Scotland and Wales, one in 175.

The statistics of deaths of children under one year in New Zealand, said Mr. McKay, was 50 per 1,000; Australia, 70 per 1,000; Alberta, 87 per 1,000; Ontario, 102 per 1,000; Quebec, 153; and the United States, 163 per 1,000.

The total deaths in the Canadian Army during the great war up to December 31, 1918, were 60,388, of whom 35,566 were killed in action, and 12,420 died of wounds.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in session at Calgary, elected the following officers for the current term: Grand Master, C. E. Noble, Consort; Deputy Grand Master, W. D. Burnet, Lethbridge; Grand Warden, E. L. Cope, Medicine Hat; Grand Secretary, O. E. Tisdale, Calgary; Grand Treasurer, H. J. Adams, Calgary; Grand Lodge Representative (two-year term), A. E. May, (one-year term), Edgar Berry; Committees—Home Fund, John Gillespie, J. J. B. Little, A. B. Ballantyne; Soldiers' Relief, O. E. Tisdale, H. J. Adams, I. H. Ross. The appointed officers named by the new Grand Master are: Grand Marshall, V. V. Christie; Grand Conductor, P. M. Bezanon; Grand Guardian, J. L. McPherson; Grand Herald, J. J. Wright; Grand Chaplain, W. Bridge.

## THE OLD HOME PAPER

When I read the city papers with their headlines flaring out, I'm so proud of modern doings I could fairly lance and shout; they are clever, wise and witty, and they give me all the news and a little dash of science and thing that sets me smiling and will not let me frown is to get the weekly paper from the old home town. There the Mt. Carmel items and the happenings at St. Ives, and the news that Hiram Higgins is in bed with the hives; that Jim Smith is stepping high these days because he is dad; that Jenkins gave a party and a pleasant time was had—oh, I feel that life means something more than money and renown when I get the weekly paper from the old home town. It's a long and lonesome distance that my weary steps have strayed, but the old town has its memories that never fade. I can see the old time buildings and the tidy, compact street, and the shady loafing corners where the neighbors used to meet, and it seems to me that life puts on its brightest glory gown when I get the weekly paper from the Old Home Town.

The total cost of provincial and local government for the fiscal year 1918-19 in Saskatchewan was \$41,181,000 or \$59.38 per head of population. This is very high, but no higher than Alberta.

## ALBERTA LIGHT DRAFTS

Walter H. Smith, manager of the Union Stockyards, Toronto, is touring Alberta and the west, and has made the statement that there is a demand in the east for the surplus light draft horses now on hand in Alberta. Under-sized horses not suitable for the ordinary run of farm work in this country, ranging from 1,100 to 1,250 pounds, will find a ready sale, says Mr. Smith, in Ontario, where market gardeners and fruit farmers are buying them for general working purposes on their farms. The Toronto market alone will absorb from 500 to 1,000 such horses per month, and the prices now offering run from \$32 to \$145. They are taken unbroken, in lots of about 200, and Mr. Smith is hopeful of getting Alberta farmers to dispose of some of their surplus stock in this way.

## WIPE OUT MANGE

W. F. Stevens, late of the department of agriculture official staff, has closed out his connection with the government and left Edmonton on Friday for Calgary to take up the duties of his new office as secretary of the Western Canada Stockgrowers' Protective Association. His headquarters will be in that city, from which the work of the association in the three prairie provinces will be directed. The prime purpose of the organization, as Mr. Stevens puts it, is "to wipe the word 'mange' entirely off the map in Alberta." To that end its activities will be exerted in the way of enforcing the new regulations agreed upon between the federal and provincial governments, and a n effort will also be made to increase the membership of the association in the three provinces.

## STEADY WORKER

Do you ever think what your ad in a newspaper is doing for you? When you close your place of business in the evening and go home to your family and fireside, not thinking about your business at all, then it is that the paper is being pored over in hundreds of homes—the homes from which your trade is drawn. And there is your advt. doing its work silently, but surely, and if you have taken the pains to make it attractive and given the printer time to do his part, its work will be the more attractive. This is repeated over and over again, and is no doubt what inspired some writer to call newspaper advertising a "silent drummer."

The contract was awarded by Clas. Traunweiser, proprietor of the Yale Hotel, Calgary, for a \$50,000 addition to the hotel. The contractors are Pettifer and Rogers, and work will start shortly.

## PROVINCIAL ROADS

The road building programme of the Alberta Public Works Department will depend somewhat, it is expected, upon the outcome of the Dominion government road scheme. An adjustment is likely to be effected before the close of the session by which it will be definitely known how much of Alberta's road work will qualify for the Federal grant and how much money will thus be available. The matter was taken up with the Dominion authorities some time ago and is still pending. It is expected that, if a considerable proportion of the work already done is accepted as up to the required standard, Alberta will receive \$1,400,000 from the Federal grant, but in order to get that amount it will be necessary for the province to undertake about \$3,000,000 additional during the next four years. Full information is being awaited for the consideration of the house.

## SAME HERE

The fellow who goes with the boys and is considered by them a good spender is not the only one who loses money by being a good fellow. Sometimes a newspaper man loses considerable cash by being loyal to his customers. This is brought to mind because of the fact that last week the Review turned down a tempting offer from a catalogue firm for a large amount of our advertising space. It was because we believe in and preach the gospel of supporting local merchants and thereby helping to build up our own town that we had to pass up this tempting offer.—Redcliffe Review.

## BIG SALE OF CATTLE

M. J. Armstrong sold 600 head of cattle on Saturday to J. H. Wallace, of Lethbridge, the bunch bringing \$50,000. The sale comprised cows at \$100 per head, yearlings at \$75 per head, and calves at \$55 per head. The 212 which were wintered here were shipped this week, and the remainder will be shipped at once from the Rosebud district where they were sent to winter after the sale of the Two-Dot ranch.—Nanton News.

## BRITISH EXPORTS INCREASE

As a means of helping to right the exchange situation, efforts have been made recently to stimulate Great Britain's export trade, and the figures for January show that the exports for the first time on record, totalled more than \$100,000,000, or in exact terms \$106,879,000, this being an increase of \$58,000,000 over January of last year.

Have you paid your subscription to the Advocate yet?

## The First Requisite

In Good Clothes is Quality. But Quality in Cloth and Workmanship is not all you want. Each Individual wears some one style to the mutual advantage of both and everyone must look to the Price these days. We guarantee satisfaction in every particular of Dress and the PRICE is RIGHT.

**P. GILLESPIE**  
"Vulcan's Merchant Tailor"

## New Spring Millinery

The Ladies of Vulcan and surrounding districts are cordially invited to attend a showing of

**NEW SPRING MILLINERY**

On

**Monday, March 1st, 1920**

**Mrs. Reed**

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## PATRONIZE THE FIRMS THAT ADVERTISE

## J. NAISMITH &amp; CO.

PHONE 25

## Flannelette Blankets

A Shipment just opened out of 12-4 White and Grey large size, with blue or pink borders. Good, heavy quality, at per pair

**\$5.00**

## Rubbers

Keep your feet warm and dry. Come to Naismith's for anything you want in Rubber Foot-wear. Full stocks now on hand, also Men's Boys and Children's knee high Rubber Boots.

## COMMUNITY CLUB BANQUET

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hostelry promising better accommodation.

However, the prisoners are accorded an unusual amount of liberty which is seldom abused or taken advantage of, as the doctor illustrated by several stories. It is the aim of the warden to re-establish the self respect of the men who come to them and make them trustworthy. In one instance the doctor sent a young man on horseback on a thirty-five mile trip and on another occasion he sent a man home for a week to make arrangements providing for the care of his family during the winter, in both cases trusting the men's promises to return and in no single instance of this description have the promises been broken.

The warden also described the way in which they discouraged shirking on the part of those men who, to escape work, complained of sickness. The process involves the placing of a big hot mustard plaster to that part of the anatomy said to pain the shirker, who soon developed a sprightly healthiness miraculous to behold, and the application of such a plaster to one man had been known to cure the pains of several other shirkers. But those who develop actual sickness are placed in the hospital.

Operating under the belief that well-fed men will work well, the prisoners receive good food and lots of it. This with the healthy outdoor work makes sickness a rare exception to the rule.

In concluding his address the doctor brought out one feature with especial eloquence. This was the case of one young man who had become entangled in the meshes of the law and soon woke up in the Lethbridge jail. His father came to see him and poured the usual tale of woe into the warden's ear—how the father had worked to give his boy an education, how concerned the family were with the boy's future and how the boy had by his action dragged the family name in the mud—a name that had never been sullied previously on either side of the parental ancestral tree. It was shocking, terrible, and the father worked himself into a fine rage over the disgrace visited upon him by his worthless son. The warden had his

own opinion about the boy and it didn't jibe with the abusive attitude of the father worth two cents. So when he was quite satisfied the father had finished his tirade the warden began a tirade of his own, pointing out to the father that he had given to his boy everything he could expect a part of himself, the most essential thing for putting a boy on the right road. Here the doctor appealed to the fathers to spend at least one night a week the crystallizing character of the boy has an effect second to none. "Being a father himself he appealed to the fathers in behalf of the children, rightly claiming that a father's first interest should be his children and his second interest should be the children of the community. The doctor spoke at length in behalf of the "bad boy" in every community whom mothers caution their boys to ostracize and shun. The voice of such boys should be the interest of the community in which they live and the fathers of the community should make it their business to see that such a boy is not ostracized, is not driven to real badness and is given an equal chance with every other boy of the community. There can be no such thing as a "bad boy" if this course is pursued. Driving this point home the doctor concluded amid hearty applause.

Then Mr. Butchart, feeling that his relations with the doctor rested under a cloud of suspicion, took the opportunity to say that he had never been a registered inmate at the doctor's institution and then moved a hearty vote of thanks for the doctor's instructive address. This was seconded by Mr. Trail who took occasion to express his relief over Mr. Butchart's ability to dispel the suspicions surrounding his acquaintance with the warden. The motion was heartily applauded by the company and the gathering dispersed.

Lethbridge now has an amateur opera company, and the first production will be "The Yeoman of the Guard."

Investigations made by the French Minister of Labor into the effects of the eight-hour day for labor shows that the shortened working day has diminished production by over 20 per cent.

## M. D. OF MARQUIS MEETING

The council of the M.D. of Marquis met in the usual place last Friday afternoon, which was immediately followed by the ratepayers meeting. At the council meeting there were present councillors Broderick, Lucas, Spanke, and Shouldice. As Reeve Sinclair was absent on account of sickness, deputy reeve Shouldice took the chair. There were but two resolutions considered, the first covering the borrowing of \$10,000 from the Bank of Hamilton for municipal expenditures and the second covering the borrowing of \$70,000 for school, hail and seed buying purposes. The following bills in payment of councillors' fees were passed: Richard Broderick, \$79; J. H. Lucas, \$79.20; Shouldice, \$56.60; and Herman Spanke, \$94.

With the completion of this business the meeting was adjourned and the ratepayers went into session called to order by deputy reeve Shouldice, after which the ratepayers appointed E. F. Beckner chairman and R. E. House secretary. The auditor's report for the current year was read by the secretary and accepted. The chairman called for a report of the work done during the last year. Mr. Shouldice, the first councillor called upon, stated that he did no work on the roads owing to the fact of a large 1918 expenditure and called the ratepayers' attention to the fact that by-law No. 17, pertaining to the restraining of animals at large was to be voted upon February 27.

Mr. Broderick, called upon, stated that he had dispensed road money to the best of his ability and the reason more money of the current levy was not applied to roads was due to the fact that a considerable sum expended in this manner during 1918 remained unpaid until 1919. He also said he was retiring from the council.

Mr. Lucas stated he had done the best under the existing circumstances and was in favor of contract work on the public highways as ratepayers would not turn out, and half a crew was worse than none.

Mr. Monroe brought up the matter of a road across Snake Lake, just north of the U.F.A. hall at Mile, saying he understood that the municipal district was offered an appropriation from the government amounting to \$2,000 with the understanding that the municipal district was to spend a like sum in the construction of such a road. Mr. Broderick answered that the appropriation of \$3,000 was the total minimum levy for 1921-22, and as such it would be impossible to spend that amount on one road.

The next meeting of the municipal council will be held in the Lake McGregor School on March 6.

Over eleven million women are employed as wage earners in the United States.

The progress made by Canada since the last census is very satisfactory, the population having increased from over seven million people to about ten million. In this connection the New York Globe predicts the population of Canada in 1930 will be fifty million people.

## CHURCH NEWS

Sunday morning, Rev. A. E. Hayes, B.A., took up another aspect of the Forward Movement. He made reference to the recently organized Community Club and said that the members of that organization are seeing duties and opportunities that were not thought of before. It always comes that where people band themselves together that effective work is done. It was for this reason that Jesus called His disciples. In unity there was strength. After the disciples had been with Jesus for a time they were able to see the world's needs as they had never seen them before. When Jesus said to them, "Take up thy cross and follow Me," he meant in twentieth century language, "Keep alert for duties and opportunities." Your cross is your opportunity. It is some duty that requires you to make some personal sacrifice to get done. It may be a sacrifice in time, money, personal ambition, etc. But no Forward Movement, be it large or small, is ever worth the name that does not involve some sacrifice on the part of the individual, for the good of the community. The speaker called the attention to the need of two teachers for boys classes in the Sunday school and spoke of this as a rare opportunity to help in community work. He thought that the children were of first consideration.

## STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET

If the farmers as a body are ever to accomplish and put to the practical test their aims of leadership in the social and political life of the rural community when are they going to stand on their own feet?

The reason for my question is as follows:

In your issue of February 4 I noticed an account of the presentation to Mr. Harry Noel. I was a subscriber to this little testimonial and heartily in sympathy with it, but when asked for a contribution I understood that no one except farmers were allowed to contribute. Then when it came to the presentation, surely there must have been a farmer with enough brains and self-possession to make the presentation speech, instead of having to call on one of the citizens of Vulcan, however worthy he may be. If the farmers have to rely on a leaning post at every turn no wonder they are left in the race and are envious of other callings because they get all the plums.

Signed,  
A RURAL SUBSCRIBER

Alberta already has had 64.5 inches of snow, the heaviest fall in twenty years. As the frost in ground is negligible, early seeding is looked for.

At the All-Canada dairy butter competition held at Winnipeg this week, Alberta dairymen won first, second and third place; Quebec won fourth and fifth, Manitoba, sixth, and Quebec, seventh and eighth. There were 225 entries.

## SCHOOL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Grade IX—John Miller 73.22, Mae Davis 72.77, Nellie Middleton 70.66, Mildred Peterson 70.22, Evelyn Larson 70.22, Joseph Rushfeldt 68.66, Edith McKay 68.44, Harold Buck 67.66, Bernhard McDonald 59.11, Lily Korczynski, absent.

Grade X—Alice Walker 85.2, Thelma Ferngren 77.7, Adelaide Cook 77.2, Roy Davis 73.7.

Grade XI—Sadie Stone.

Grade IV—Veronica Reed 72.1, Charles Kaiser 71.2, Muriel Brown 71.1, Olive Linley 66.8, Clifford Ogilvie 66.1, Mamie Lebeau 64.2, Hazel Eamorr 63.4, Eleanor Jennejohn 63.2, Lloyd Brown 61.5, Russell Robbie 60.5, Maud Wilson 60.4, Glen Robbie 55.4, Fred Vankiver 51.2, Richard Munday, Freida Dunbar.

Grade V—Marion Lebeau 80.7, Stella Dewie 79.5, Albert Flood 77.1, Charles Kothlow 76.8, Olive Dunbar 76, Norman Jennejohn 74.7, Wilfred Daines 67.4, Nancy Clappison 67, Phyllis Trail 67.2, Ruth Ferngren 66.8, Harry Rolston 64, Verna Kothlow 63.8, Grace McKie 63, George Seaman 61.2, Mable Hudson 60.4, Florence Reor 56.8, George MacPherson 53.8.

Grade II (Jr.)—Gerald Trail, Helen Craig, Barbara Howes, Arthur Cook, Fred Noyes, Leo Loirelle, Leslie Hanson.

Grade I (a)—Willie Cunningham, Mable Deal Leta Roe, Ailsa Charters, Harold King, Sylvia Seaman, Jean Kolston, Kate Dewie, Elwood Lebeau, Margaret Davis, Irene Loirelle, Evelyn Bond, Eugene Hanson, Clarence Martin, Juanita Skatrud, Irva Wooters, Bertha Adams, Clinton Markham, Elmer Shaw, Alice Berringer.

Grade I (b)—Muriel Bice, Neva Bice, Mary Brown; number enrolled 31, average 28.07, per cent 90.54.

Grade II—Rosie Korczynski, Margaret Trail, Herbert Linley, Florabelle Munday, Isabel Flood, Elvessa Brown, Loretta McKay, Chester Dewie, Marie Skatrud, Charlotte Reor, Benton Brown, Gordon Gardiner.

Grade III—Vivette Grant 81.3, Norma Vankiver 81.3, Annette Loirelle 81.3, Buford Walker 80.1, Emil Mutz 77.7, Roy Deal 75.2, George Rannels 74.8, Ethel Munday 74.1, Edward Wilson 74, Russell Colier 73.5, Robert Spooner 72.9, Ernest Granlein 72.2, James Walker 70.6, Georgia McKie 70.2, Alice Eamorr 69.2, Doyle Dunbar 66.5. Absent from examinations, Lowell Granlein, Harold Thoman and Dorothy Martin.

## VALUE OF B. C. PRODUCTS

The total value of the forest products of British Columbia for the year 1919 is placed at \$70,285,094, as against \$54,162,523 in 1918; \$48,300,469 in 1917, and \$35,538,000 in 1916, according to a statement issued to the Vancouver Province recently by the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands. The largest increase is in shingles, show a value of \$12,801,564 compared with \$5,805,417 in 1918. The value of the lumber cut is nearly \$5,000,000 more than the previous year, while pulp and paper shows a gain in excess of \$2,000,000.

## ESTRAY

GELDING—Estray on the premises of Jack Rnark; 5 miles south- and two miles east of Brant, one bay gelding aged, left front and left hind foot white, white on nose, no brand. Also one bay filly, white on face, right hind foot white, no brand visible. C. D. Holmes, brand reader

STALLION AND TEAMS—Good, snappy young Clydesdale Stallion, rising 3 years old, sound (registered) also a few good young teams, rising 3 and 4 years old, well matched. Apply C. S. Hay, P. O. Box 246, Vulcan.

GELDING—One Grey Gelding, rising 5 years old, weight 1300, branded 7G on right thigh. Section 14-17-25-4. J. A. Smith's farm.

ESTRAY—\$10.00 Reward will be paid for the recovery of cattle branded DH on left ribs and horses branded on left thigh. Mrs. J. H. Chandler, Nanton, Alta.

MARE—One black or dark iron grey mare, 3 years old, white star on face branded LV on right shoulder. Apply H. A. Baden, Hearn, near P. O. Alberta. Suitable reward.

MARE—Two bay mares branded on left thigh, strip in face, weight about 1000, age 3 years on 21-18-24.

STUD—One grey stud, 1 white hind foot 2 years old, branded on right thigh. On S. W. quarter 18-16-25.

## WANTED

CATTLE WANTED—About 200 head of two or three-year old steers wanted. Would also consider a mixed lot of cattle. J. Tompson, High River, or Flood, Whitcher & Elves, Vulcan, Alta. 22-47

SEPARATOR—Wanted a small size cream separator. Also a grain bin or small shack in or near town. Apply P. O. Box 296, Vulcan.

GOBBLER—A Good Gobbler wanted for breeding. Phone R 305, Vulcan.

AUTOMOBILE—A second hand Ford Car. Must be cheap for cash. Apply Advocate Office or write P. O. Box 139, Vulcan.

## FOR SALE

320 acres of hauled-out wheat and oats pasture and 50 to 60 tons of wheat hay for sale on section 20-19-24-4. Write or see T. Steensen, Weychen, Alberta.

SEED WHEAT—Seed wheat for sale. 500 bushels of No. 1 Marquis. Apply D. J. McInenly, 1 mile north of the Arrowwood Post Office.

HORSES—Five good medium weight work horses for sale. Phone 1311. C. H. Smith, Reid Hill. 3-17

## PROVINCIAL NEWS ITEMS

A Toronto buyer says the east can use 1,000 per week of Alberta's light draft horses.

Eighty vessels built in Canada during 1919 were sent overseas without being registered.

The output of maple sugar in the province of Quebec is about 15,000,000 pounds a year.

General federal election during 1920 is unlikely in opinion of several members of parliament.

Manitoba is to have government dispensaries to handle the wholesale liquor traffic of the province.

Nine Indian reserves in western Canada are to be available for use of the soldiers' settlement board.

Over fifty gamblers and illicit booze-sellers pleaded guilty in Lethbridge courts this week, and about a thousand dollars was extracted from the bunch.

Increased use of tobacco among women during the year 1919 was "appalling," according to the Board of Temperance and Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

David Marshall, M.P. of Alymer, Ontario, Unionist member for East Elgin, died suddenly in Vancouver on Saturday afternoon. This makes four vacancies in the Federal house at present.

## NEW SPRING STOCK

Thousands of dollars worth of New Spring Stock purchased while East on our Buying Trip now on Display. It is a treat to see this New Fresh Stock, at prices practically no higher on many lines, Goods are scarce and prices for later delivery are up in near every case 20 to 40 p.c.

## New Prints

In a wide range of colors, prices, per yard,

**30c and 35c**

## Canadian Gingham

in plain colors, stripes and fancy checks, two grades, prices per yard,

**35c and 40c**

## Scotch Gingham

in absolute fast colors in fancy checks, price

**60c per yard**

## Sweater Yarns

2 ply, in about 20 new fancy colors, price per ball

**35c**

## Palm Beach Cloth

in Pink, Old Rose, Delph. Blue and White, price, yard

**\$1.00**

## Children's Overalls

Play Suits in tan, blue and stripes, made in nice, fancy styles

**\$1.50 to \$1.65**

## Fancy Ribbons

5 inches wide, extra special per yard

**75c**

## Genuine Nurse Cloth

in all new shades. A cloth that will wash and wear well

## Sheeting

extra heavy

**2 yds wide - 95c****2 1/2 yards wide, per yard****\$1.00**

## New Coatings

in Spring weight, silver tone Velours, very fancy, per yard

**\$9.50**

## Fancy Voiles

in stripes and checks, extra fancy

**\$1.35 to \$1.85**

## Shoes! Shoes!!

at last year's prices. New prices are 40c on the dollar higher. Buy now and save money.

## All Wool Jersey Cloth

Circular 2 1/4 yards for Suit; 1 1/4 yards for Skirt, per yard

**\$8.00.**

## Dress Plaids

for Girls Wear and Skirts, special per yard

**\$1.25 and \$1.50**

## Linoleum

4 yards wide, in nice neat block patterns, square yd.

**\$1.50****2 yard wide, square yard****\$1.20**

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